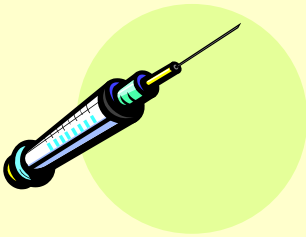


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"EMS Currents"

Sacramento Metro Fire District's EMS Division Newsletter...Will you make a difference today?



New Probationary FF/P's

by Steve Cantelme

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Fifteen new firefighter/paramedics have graduated from the fire academy and have been assigned to stations for 2 shifts of orientation on an engine and 10 shifts on a medic. These new probationary FF/P's do not count toward staffing for the first 12 shifts so they are an extra person assigned to the company.

After completing 2 shifts of orientation and 8 shifts on a medic the probationary FF/P's will be evaluated on their EMS skills by the EMS Division. Once they successfully complete their EMS evaluation, they will continue for 2 more shifts on the medic as the third person before they are placed into Telestaff to count toward staffing.

Here are some important points to remember:

- Please be sure to contact your respective EMS Coordinator if you need any assistance with training or documentation.
- The EMS Division will evaluate the probationary FF/P's after completing their 8th shift on a medic so please be sure to have all of their documentation including major appraisal ready at that time.

EMS Resources

"The unexamined life is not worth living."

-Socrates.

Equipment & Operations issues:
Exposure Notifications:
Ride alongs/Preceptors:
Paramedic Program:
CQI Issues/12 Lead EKG:
Probation EMS/Admin & CE classes:
EMS Quiz Grades/Tracking:
CE Tracking & Certificates:
(CPR/EMT/EMTP Certificates)

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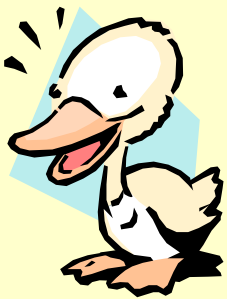
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"A great leader never
sets himself above his
followers except in
carrying
responsibilities."

-Jules Ormont



"A professional is one
who does his best
work when he feels
the least like
working."

--Frank Lloyd Wright

Internal EMT I Recert Changes

Effective January 1, 2007 the EMS Division will be providing yearly EMT I recertification on-duty. The recertification will be delivered once per year with the first one scheduled for March 2007. If you are unable to attend the regularly scheduled session in March, the EMS Division will be scheduling 2 - 3 make-up session each year. So for example, anyone needing recertification in 2007 will need to attend the yearly recertification in March of 2007. If you miss the March recertification there will be opportunities to attend one of three make-up sessions. If you miss the make-up session you will need to get your recertification on your own time. More information regarding EMT I recertification will be provided in February.

Patient Non-Transports

Have you ever experienced an incident where you had a patient that did not want to be transported and the ED physician you are talking with on the cell not only wants the patient to be transported but directs you to transport the patient?

Well if this occurs, remember that we cannot order or force a patient to go to the hospital and neither can the physician. We can only advise the patient or the patient's guardian in the case of a minor, that they should go. The ED physician can speak directly to the patient as well but only law enforcement can order a patient to be transported and only if they place the patient in their custody.

New Stuff

- We will soon be going out to an RFP for the stair chairs that we placed in the field to trial last year. Our timeline is to have the stair chairs on the medics before the end of the fiscal year.
- Our RFP for an EMS Records Management System (RMS) is nearing completion and we hope to have a new electronic PCR program purchased by the end of the fiscal year. The RMS program is designed to interface with Firehouse. More information regarding the RMS program will be provided after the bid has been awarded.
- The power gurneys that many of you have seen used by other agencies including Folsom FD are going to be placed on a few Metro Medics for a trial period before the end of the fiscal year. If it is determined that they meet our needs then we will go out to an RFP and the plan is to purchase the gurneys early next fiscal year.
- The District still has plans to place two Medics into service in 2007. We continue to look at our options for Medic locations. Station 51 and Station 101 are the likely locations, however the final decision has not been made. Flex Medic locations are also being evaluated.